



BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Strachan's Weekly Update

Last weekend, we had a call in which a man was following a couple saying he wanted to "fight them" and acted strangely. The man also tried to damage some property in the downtown area. Responding officers were shocked to learn that the man had apparently just walked out of a bar. He walked out to the end of a dock by the marina, took out his cell phone, and communicated with our dispatch center that "the police that were approaching him were going to get thrown off the dock." According to the Sergeant, "the man began what I thought was a call to his lawyer on his cell asking about his rights in this situation." It turns out that he was asking "Siri" about his rights. He did have a long conversation with "Siri", but it is unknown what legal advice Siri provided. Eventually, officers were able to talk him into sitting down and he was taken into custody.

Last Monday, Officer Tim Garrity was parked off of Wheaton Way when he observed an ex-police Crown Victoria sliding sideways on dry pavement up Homer Jones Drive by the YMCA. The "Blues Brothers-Mobile" then took off at a high rate of speed. Officer Garrity decided to go up Schley Blvd and when he did, he observed the vehicle now coming at him. The car slowed down and two young men got out and ran off. The car was left in gear and rolled towards Officer Garrity's patrol car, but stopped just short of it, striking a curb. The 17 year-old driver tried to hide underneath the rear seat, but was quickly taken into custody. The juvenile was booked.

Also last Monday, Officer Brandon Greenhill stopped a suspected drunk driver. Sometimes we are asked about the relative complexity of the sobriety tests we provide to suspected drunk drivers. They are not really that complicated. It's often pretty obvious. In this case, Officer Greenhill challenged the driver's ability to divide his attention by asking for his license, registration and insurance. This turned out to be a very effective tactic as the driver became confused, and provided his most recent tax statement. The State Patrol assisted in the arrest, but the IRS was not involved.

Thursday night, Officer Steven Forbragd assisted the State Patrol with the arrest of a felony warrant subject with a long criminal history. The man falsely provided his brother's name. However, Officer Forbragd quickly distinguished them, based on the fact that the wanted man was the one with the large tattoo in the shape of a target on the side of his head.

Our volunteer program is moving along, and we are still recruiting interested people. [Click here](#) to watch this month's "BPD Update" with more information.

Detectives and officers made arrests last week on a significant and long-term case involving suspects fraudulently rolling back odometers on cars they sold on Craigslist. Good work and there may be dozens of victims in this crime. Here is a link to one story on the case:

<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/Bremerton-police-arrest-two-in-odometer-rollback-scheme-1-at-large-305266711.html>

I was honored to be a speaker at this week's first-ever Human Trafficking Diversion Graduation at Kitsap County District Court. There is a great story on the event in last week's Kitsap Sun. Our department is committed to reducing incidents of human trafficking and we will be doing more stings in the future. The graduate this week was a victim of one of our area's most prolific traffickers and pimps, who is now serving a long prison sentence.

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